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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE at the Peak.
 Apply to **W. RICHARDS,**
 Hongkong, 10th May, 1890. [1124]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 14th May, 1890, at 12 o'clock sharp, at their Sale Rooms, 65, Queen's Road Central, a quantity of **HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE**, comprising—
 CUPBOARD, COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, BRASS CARVED TABLES, WARDROBES, CHIMNEY GLASSES, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS, Double IRON BEDSTEAD with Spring Mattress, CHEST OF DRAWERS, WASHING STAND, MARBLE TOP TABLES, WRITING DESK, LOOKING GLASS, &c., &c., &c.
 A quantity of **BREAKFAST SERVICES, INK STANDS, BELLS, and SUNDRY CROCKERY WARE.**
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APOLLO BROTHERS,
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 Hongkong, 10th May, 1890. [1123]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 185.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on **FRIDAY**, the 18th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
 Hongkong, 10th May, 1890. [1125]

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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Hongkong Dispensary, on MONDAY, the 14th inst., at THREE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December 1889.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED ON TUESDAY, the 6th inst., to WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

T. H. TALBOT,
 Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1890. [1095]

PEAK CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Church will be held at 4.30 p.m., at the Registrar-General's Office, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee of Management, passing Accounts, and electing a new Committee for the ensuing year.

W. JENNINGS,
 Hon. Sec. to the Committee.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1890. [1113]

EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Agents, Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., on TUESDAY, the 20th May, 1890, at 10 AM, when the accounts will be presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 3rd inst. will be put to the Meeting for confirmation as special resolutions.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1890. [1098]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 24th inst., at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and passing the Accounts of the Company for the year ending on the 31st April 1890.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED ON MONDAY, the 12th inst., to SATURDAY, the 24th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
 CHAS. F. HARTON,
 Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1890. [1117]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SPECIAL or EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, at NOON on SATURDAY, the 31st day of May next, for the purpose of considering and, if approved, of passing the following Resolutions—

1.—That the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from £7,500,000 to £10,000,000 by the creation of 25,000 New Shares of £125, to be issued at the price of £4 10s. Eastern Shareholders to be paid for their allotments at the current rate of the day for Demand Bills on London.

2.—That the said New Shares be in the full payment, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for the purpose of the said New Shares not being taken up by the Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three Shares of which the Registered Holder, and that any New Shares not taken up by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such prices as they may think fit in the interest of the Company.

3.—That payment of the sum of £42 10s. per share for each of the said New Shares be made in full, by the 30th day of June, 1890; £10 12s. 6d. on the 30th of June, 1890; £12 12s. 6d. on the 30th of Sept., 1890; £12 12s. 6d. on the 30th of Dec., 1890; £12 12s. 6d. on the 30th of March, 1891.

4.—That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of Three a fractional certificate in respect of each such share, and that any such fractional certificate be subject to the same conditions as to payment of the future instalments, and subject to such other terms as may be determined by the Directors.

5.—That the interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (freed from income tax) be allowed out of the profits of the Company on all instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due and that from the 30th day of June, 1890, Holders of Fractional Certificates be entitled to participate in future dividends in proportion to the amount of instalments paid up, on an equality with the other Shareholders of the Company.

6.—That interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum be charged on over-instances which shall not be punctually paid, and be paid with such instalments.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
 W. G. GARDNER,
 Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. [1082]

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PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)

A Alto Douro, good quality,
 Green Capsule \$10 \$1.00

B Vintage, superior quality,
 Red Capsule 12 1.10

C Fine Old Port, super-
 ior quality, Black Seal
 Capsule 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage,
 Black Seal Capsule 18 1.50

E Extra Superior Old Port,
 Capsule (Old Bottled) 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, finer
 wine, Green Seal Capsule 6 0.80

B Superior Pale Dry, finer
 wine, Green Seal Capsule 7.50 0.75

C Manzoni's Pale Natural
 Sherry, White Capsule 10 1.00

CC Superior Old Dry, finer
 wine, Natural Sherry, Red Seal
 Capsule 10 1.00

D Very Superior Old Pale
 Dry, choice old Wine,
 White Seal Capsule 12 1.10

E Extra Superior Old Pale
 Dry, very fine quality,
 Black Seal Capsule (Old
 Bottled) 14 1.25

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret,
 Red Capsule \$4 \$4.50

B Superior Red Capsule 4.50 5.00

C Superior Old Port, super-
 ior quality, Black Seal
 Capsule 12 1.10

D La Rose 12 1.00

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red
 Capsule \$12 \$1.10

B Superior Very Old Cognac,
 Red Capsule 14 1.25

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac,
 Red Capsule 18 1.50

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old
 Cognac, Red Capsule, 1872
 Vintage, Red Capsule 24 2.00

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Cap-
 sule 8 0.75

B Watson's Glenorchy, Low
 Blend, Blue Capsule,
 with Name and Trade Mark 8 0.75

C Watson's Abouln-Glenlivet,
 White Capsule, with Name
 and Trade Mark 8 0.75

D Watson's H K D Blend of
 the Finest Scotch Malt
 Whiskies, Violet Capsule 10 1.00

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur
 Scotch Whisky, Gold Cap-
 sule 12 1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old, Green
 Capsule 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old,
 Green Capsule 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine
 Old, Green Capsule 12 1.10

Genuine Bourbon Whisky.

A Fine Old Tom, White Cap-
 sule 4.50 0.40

B Fine Unsweetened White
 Capsule 4.50 0.40

C Fine A. V. E. Geneva 5.25 0.50

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 Capsule 12 1.00

B Cinnamon Island 3.50
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16 cases in 1888, the amount for which judgment was given being \$62,158 last year, as against \$34,236 in 1888. All cases were pending on the 31st December, 1888, while in 1889 leaves a legacy to its successor of '82. The number of cases commenced last year was 115, the claims aggregating \$597,230, as against 57 cases for \$182,009 in 1888. If we turn to the Summary side there is the same tale to tell, and the figures here are even more indicative of bad times all round. A large proportion of the suits brought in Original Jurisdiction arise out of *bona fide* disputes in business, and it might be a mere coincidence that there should be more of such disputes in one year than another; but a large increase in the number of suits for small debts is a sure sign of scarcity of money. In 1888 the number of suits tried in Summary Jurisdiction was 771 and the total amount for which judgment was given was \$73,584. Last year these figures rose to 1,053 and \$147,928 respectively. It is evident from these returns that the depression affected all classes in the community, as indeed was only to be expected. When the large speculator "bursts" he carries others down with him, and the community as a whole has to pay for the gambling of a few. The Colony has had its lesson; if it is wise it will not readily forget it.

The *Poonchoo Eho* gives currency to a rumour that the Viceroy of Fuhkien intends on his return from his tour of inspection to resign his post.

The Agents (Messrs. Adolphson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Aphron*, from Liverpool for Hongkong on Thursday afternoon.

The Rev. Father Byron, formerly of Mill Hill College, now stationed in Bornu, will preach at St. Joseph's Church to-morrow at the usual service at eight a.m.

The Agents, (Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons & Co.) inform us that the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Thiene*, from Trieste, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

We (*Poonchoo Eho*) learn from private advice that at the opening of the Hankow Tea Season there will be a large number of steamers for London and other Old-World ports.

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, a meeting will be held at the Bohol Fair, will call on alls any vessel hoisting code pennant C. to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

The report of the Head Master of the Victoria College, laid on the table of the Legislative Council, contains a statement by Mr. E. C. Wright at the prize distribution in January last and published in connection with the report of the proceedings on that occasion.

The two shops, at present unoccupied, adjoining the Hongkong Hotel, have been taken from the Hotel Company by Messrs. Kahn & Co. and will be used for the sale of various alterations and improvements have been made in them, will be opened for the sale of curios, &c.

From a reliable source the *Poonchoo Eho* learns the markets upcountry have been opened at very low prices. Fifteen thousand cash is the highest price paid for a pichen, while last year it was 20,000. The same is the case with other teas are reported to be of very superior quality all round.

Yesterday about 5 p.m. a Chinaman reported to the Inspector at the Central Police Station, that his wife Fung Ayan, age 28, and living at 206, Hollywood Road, was taken, a quantity of silver and gold ornaments, and a sum of money balance was sent for and the woman was taken to the hospital, but on arrival she was found to be dead. An inquest will be held.

Abbe Desrosiers, Vicar Apostolic of Tibet, who has been on a missionary on the Chinese borders of that country for thirty-six years, and whose name occurs in every modern book of travels in that region, has lately returned to France with the manuscript of a dictionary of the Tibetan language on which he has laboured for a quarter of a century, and which he is desirous of having published in Europe. It will be in Latin, French, and English.

We clip the following from a Scotch paper:—In connection with the collection of Chinese coins which was noticed in this column last week, we are informed that Mr. Kirkwood has been consulted by the Hon. Sir James Reid, of the Glasgow Museum, and this special collector of "Austrian coins" is to be named the "James Kirkwood" and will ever be known as such in Scotland.

Kuhl says:—Consul von Mohl, who has been appointed to be Reporting Councillor in the Foreign Office, is the son of the famous Hadelberg University scholar, Dr. von Mohl, who died in Berlin in 1876 as a member of the Reichstag. Mr. O. von Mohl came to Prussia as private secretary to the Emperor-Augusta. Subsequently, he entered the consular service, and the position of consul at Chicago, and St. Petersburg successively. Then receiving a leave of absence for several years, he proceeded with his wife to Japan in 1887, for the purpose of collecting the collection of coins in the Japanese Museum. He has acted as Chief Consul of the Ceremonies, and his wife, a former lady-in-waiting to the Empress Augusta, became Chief Lady-in-Waiting to the Empress of Japan. He received the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, and has since been engaged in the Foreign Office.

A Berlin contemporary gives the following particulars of the new German steamer *Hainan* just built at Hamburg for the China trade and shortly expected in Hongkong:—"The steamer, which is of steel, has been constructed to the latest and the best of the modern type, and is provided with the latest arrangements both for ship and machinery. She is 741 tons net register, and with a medium draught of 16 feet, will displace 400 tons weight, with which can a speed of nine knots be maintained. The dimensions are, length 216 feet, breadth 31 feet, and depth 27½ feet. There is room for 185 tons of water ballast on the Machinery system. The engines are of the best quality, and of great power. The two cylindrical funicular boilers are constructed for an additional pressure of 11 atmospheres. The pleasing form of the steamer meets the eye, and the cabin is of the most elegant and substantial, and like all the other parts of the vessel, display great care in the construction. The builders recently increased and perfected their machinery, which affords an additional security to the work they turn out is first-class in every respect."

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR.
HON. F. FLEMING, C.M.G.
HON. W. M. DEANE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

HON. W. M. GOODMAN, Attorney-General.
HON. S. BROWN, Surveyor-General.
HON. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Acting Registrar-General.
HON. J. C. CHATER.
HON. A. P. MACEWEN.
HON. J. J. KESWICK.
HON. HO KAI.
MR. R. A. HANFORD, Acting Clerk of Councils.

SWEARING IN OF A MEMBER.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I have to inform the Council that a few days ago I received a letter from Mr. J. J. Bell-Trevor, who is now in Europe, resigning his seat on this Council. When Mr. Bell-Trevor left Hongkong, Mr. Weaver was appointed to replace him during his absence. As Mr. Bell-Trevor has now resigned, I have much pleasure in appointing provisionally, Mr. Keswick to the vacant seat.

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C. & D. ...	\$50	\$55							
E. & F. ...	\$50	\$40							
G. & H. ...	\$100	\$215							
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K. & L. ...	\$500	5 p. ct. prem., nom.							
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Q. & R. ...	\$10	\$12, nom.							
S. & T. ...	\$25	\$25, nom.							
U. & V. ...	\$35	\$35, nom.							
W. & X. ...	\$25	\$25, nom.							
Y. & Z. ...	\$50	\$50							
AA. ...	\$17	\$15							
BB. ...	\$50	\$75, value							
CC. ...	\$100	\$100							
DD. ...	\$5	\$5							
EE. ...	\$10	\$10							
FF. ...	\$100	\$200, nom.							
GG. ...	\$25	\$100, ex div.							
HH. ...	\$50	\$75							
II. ...	\$50	\$115							
JJ. ...	\$125	52 p. ct. pm.							
KK. ...	\$25	5 p. ct. d. s. sellers							
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HOWKONG, MAY 10TH, 1890.

SOME index to the extent of the commercial disasters of last year is supplied by the Returns of the Supreme Court laid on the table of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. In 1889 there were 47 bankruptcies, against 17 only in 1888, the total amount of debts proved being \$566,951 as against \$59,985. There were 35 new Companies registered, with a capital of \$123,339,000, and there can be little doubt that this company-mongering was the chief cause of the collapse which marked the latter part of the year. The number registered in 1888 is not given in the report for that year, but as the fees received by the Registrar in 1889 amounted to nearly thirty times as much as in the previous year it may be assumed that the difference in the number of Companies was in about the same proportion. The mania reached its climax in the spring of last year, and the Colony has been experiencing a very bad time ever since. Civil suits, as well as bankruptcies, show a large increase. In 1889 there were 37 cases tried in Original Jurisdiction, as against

